

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a Network Attached Storage (NAS) system architecture. The system includes a NAS MASTER (4) which is connected to a NETWORK (8) via a lightning bolt symbol. The NAS MASTER (4) is further divided into two main sections: a left section containing a POLICY MANAGER (28), a NAS MANAGEMENT MODULE (30), and a NAS SENSING MODULE (32); and a right section (20) containing a FILE SYSTEM (22), a LOGICAL VOLUME MANAGER (LVM) (24), and an NBD CLIENT (26). The NAS MASTER (4) is also connected to a NAS STORAGE DEVICE (6) via a lightning bolt symbol. The NETWORK (8) is represented by a cloud shape.

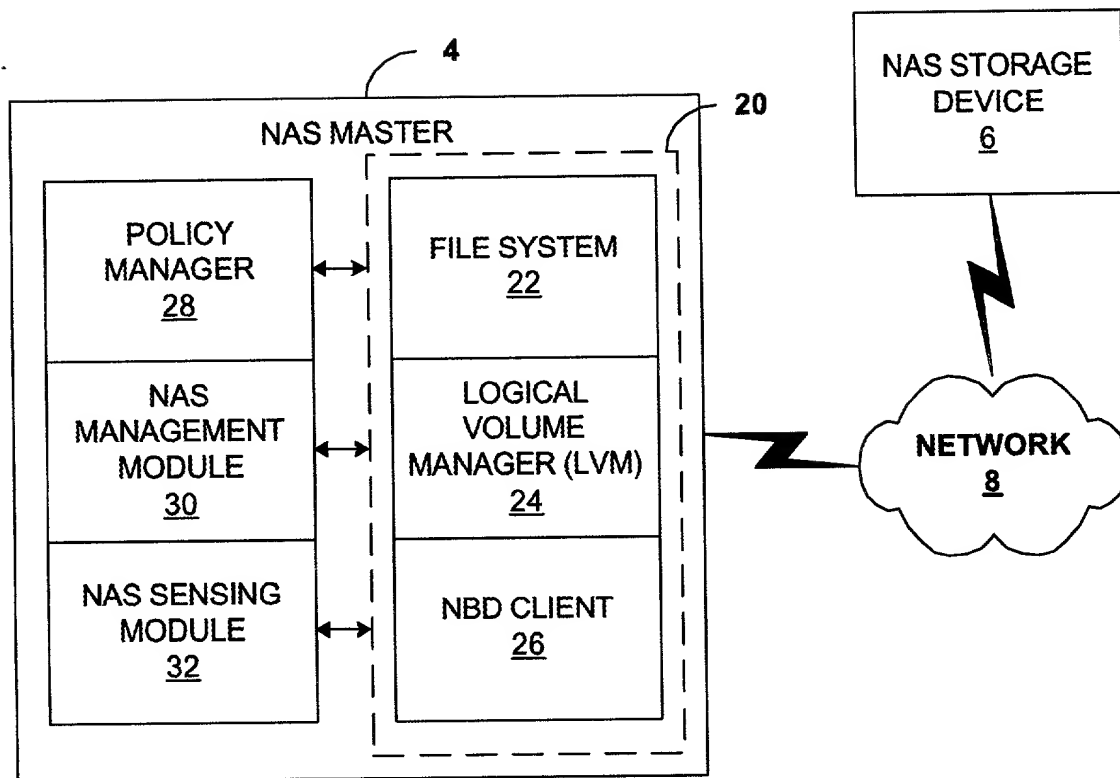


FIG. 3

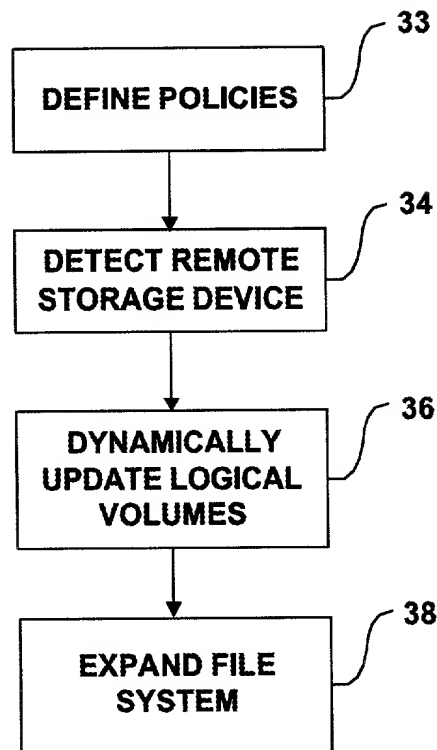


FIG. 4

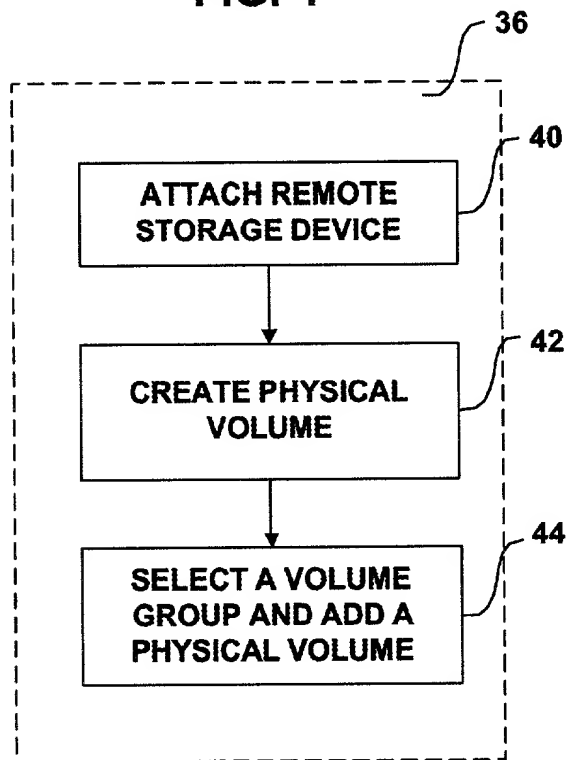


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